# Letter in 9-Day

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The association, he said, receives daily important matter from Albany concerning legislative action. This always was delivered in the first morning delivery, but during the last two years had not been delivered before 2 b'clock in the afternoon and sometimes not before 4 o'clock.

The association has received a complaint from seventeen merchants who do business with the cotton mills in Holyoke, Mass., that they no longer receive their mail on the first delivery, as in former years.

This necessitates calling the mills up

ously impared by the latitude given to posteffice inspectors, who usurp the authority of local postmasters.

In another letter to Senator Charles E. Townsend, chairman of the Senate Committee on Postoffices, yesterday, the Merchants' Association points out that 150 postoffice motor trucks in this city are broken down as a result of the storm. Only 30 per cent of the department's autos are available for use, it says.

The feature at the Strand next week will be "Duds," by Henry C. Rowland, a Goldwin picture, in which Tom Moore will star.

Theda Bara will not make here appearance in New York until March 15, instead of March 1. In the meantime she will play in "The Blue Flame" in

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the dancers overflowed into the smaller rooms adjoining. Leaders in the theatrical profession, including George M. Cohan, Frank Keenan and Brandon Ty-

Cohan, Frank Keenan and Brandon Tynan, volunteered their services for the occasion. The New York Police Glee Club and cadets from the Clason Point Military Academy provided additional entertainment.

William P. Larkin, who directed the overseas work of the Knights of Columbus, headed the invitation committee. Other members of the committee were Edward A. Arnold, Joseph J. Toomey, A. J. W. Hilly, Alper' N. Lilly, Mgr. John J. Dunn, Gerald Donovan and Dr. Farry P. Switt, Miss Elisabeth Marhury was chairman of the women's auxiliary committee.

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Among the box-holders were Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Cravath, Governor and Mrs. Alfred E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Doon Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Slevin jr., Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Duer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Chapin, Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, Mrs. Henry W. Taft, Mrs. Edward N. Breitung, Mrs. Henry Clews, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson, Mayor

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### On the Screen

Theater this week, is a feast for the eye, even if it does not put much of a strain on the intelligence. It is the kind of picture that is bound to be popular, for it has heart interest, is well acted and has a satin finish. Outdand Bergere is to be congratulated on her cleverly developed scenario and some conspicuously good sub-titles. George Fitzmaurice, who directed the picture, saw to it that nothing was lacking in the way of setting. The logation of some of the scenes is a magnificent old residence in Florida, famous throughout the country as a show place. There is a series of fine flashes of the restless lights of New York by might.

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the recomplaint to Congress through the Merchants' Association on the inefficiency of the Post Office Department. The letter in question was first class matter of immediate importance addressed to the Merchants' Association. The sender, not hearing from the association, got in touch by telephone and the business concerned in the letter was cleared up several days before the letter arrived.

It was learned yesterday that a special committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce also was investigating the inefficiency of the Post Office Department. This committee will render its report within a few days.

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In the first place, plans are laid to hold up the United States aerial mail and steal money on its way to the mint. Lieutenant Locklear manages to which she wants to hold up the United States aerial mail to the West forty-seventh Street station, were on quard throughout the evening outside the hotel. The policemen declared they didn't know why they were there, even if it does not put much of a train on the intelligence. It is the kind of picture that is bound to be popular, for it has heart interest, is well acted and has a satin finish. Ouida Bergere is to be congratulated on her cleverly developed scenario and steal money on its way to the mint. Lieutenant Locklear manages to which she wants to hold up the United States aerial mail to he want the will attend the west of the west for the second attempt at the robbery is of a more serious nature.

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## Luncheon System Starts in 15 City Schools To-morrow

Board to Supply Warm Food to Children at Cost; Will Attempt to Discover

Alexandra Carlisie with stage in this play.

Clotilde and Alexander Sakharoff, dancers, make their first American appearance to-night at the Metropolitan which Sonia is seen dancing her nights away in order to keep up with her extravagant expenditure. She conceals fifteen of the public schools in Manhara expenditure. She conceals fifteen of the public schools in Manhara expenditure. She conceals fifteen of the public schools in Manhara expenditure. She conceals fifteen of the schools affected villain in the picture tears it from her face and she is publicly revealed to rection of George C. Tyler. The play is by Edward Childs Carpenter from the stories of Mary Roberts Rinehart.

John Cort brought "Listen Lester" murder and finally has him freed by to the Standard Theater last night for the schools affected are in the lower East Side and West Side. This work, which is undertaken for the cowds in the schools of the charge of the bull of the public schools in Manhard and the crowds in the cowds in t

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The letter also states 40,000 sacks of mall are piled up at various receiving stations, and some of this mail has been delayed eight days. "All of this first class mail would move without delay if the pneumatic tube service were available," the letter concludes.

5,000 Dance at Ball Of Columbus Knights

The nineteenth annual charity ball of the New York Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, held last night at the Hotel Astor, was the most successful in the history of such affairs. It is estimated that more than five thousand persons tool; part, the receipts exceeding those of previous years by a large margin. For several years past the ball has been held in Madison Square Garden.

The grand ballroom was crowded and the dancers overflowed into the smaller rooms adduning. Leaders in the theatting stations, and some of this mail has been held in Madison Square Garden.

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